

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. It is illegal for them to direct their stations to do this.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge. It is obligated by law to serve the public interest. We need media that presents a balanced view of the world so we, the people, can make an informed decision. This is the democracy and freedom in OUR country that is worth living and dying for.

It's important to see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter locally. Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.